

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

February 10, 1999

H.R. 149 Omnibus Parks Technical Corrections Act of 1999

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on February 3, 1999

H.R. 149 would make technical amendments to numerous provisions of the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 (Omnibus Parks Act) and other statutes affecting public lands. Most of these amendments would correct spelling and punctuation errors or make other non-substantive changes in the original law. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 149 would not have any significant effect on federal spending. Because enacting this bill could affect direct spending (including offsetting receipts), pay-as-you-go procedures would apply; however, CBO estimates that any such effect would be negligible.

H.R. 149 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

H.R. 149 would modify the Secretary of the Interior's authority to sell, purchase, or exchange certain federal land in six districts within Oregon managed by the Bureau of Land Management. For specified types of land affected in those districts, the bill would require the Secretary to ensure that there is no net decrease in acreage over the next 10 years or over subsequent 10-year periods. The provision could affect direct spending (including offsetting receipts) if it resulted in changes to timber harvests on federal land and the associated payments to the state and counties. CBO expects that any such effects would likely be insignificant over the next 10 years.

The CBO staff contacts are Deborah Reis and Victoria Heid Hall. This estimate was approved by Robert A. Sunshine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.